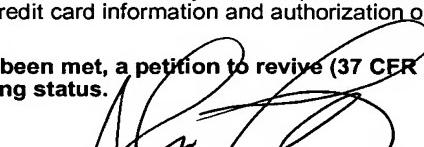


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/529,319	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR03/03293	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE November 4, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED November 5, 2002	
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA OF GENUS STREPTOCOCCUS AND RELATED GENERA			
<b>APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US</b> Michel DRANCOURT et al.			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> The International Application was filed in English.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>			
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Response to Notification of Missing Requirements; copy Declaration; copy PCT Transmittal.</li> </ol>			
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21. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		<b>CALCULATIONS</b> PTO USE ONLY			
<b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)):</b> ..... \$ 300.00		\$			
<b>SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.492(b)(1)-(3)):</b>		\$			
International preliminary examination report or written opinion prepared by the USPTO as IPEA or ISA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national stage ..... \$ 0.00					
International search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO as ISA ..... \$ 100.00					
International search report provided to USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee is paid ..... \$ 400.00					
All situations not provided for above ..... \$ 500.00					
<b>EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.492(c)(1)-(2)):</b>		\$			
International preliminary examination report or written opinion prepared by the USPTO as IPEA or ISA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national stage ..... \$ 0.00					
All situations not provided for above ..... \$ 200.00					
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½ .				\$	
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Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b> =				\$	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$	
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a. <input type="checkbox"/> Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
<b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</b>					
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC Customer Number: 25944					NAME: William P. Berridge REGISTRATION NUMBER: 30,024
Date <u>January 11, 2006</u>					NAME: John W. Fitzpatrick REGISTRATION NUMBER: 40,018

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of

Michel DRANCOURT et al.

Application No.: 10/529,319

ATTN: PCT Branch

Docket No.: 123296

Filed: March 25, 2005

For: MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA OF GENUS  
STREPTOCOCCUS AND RELATED GENERA

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES**  
**DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**  
**DECLARATION ALREADY FILED**

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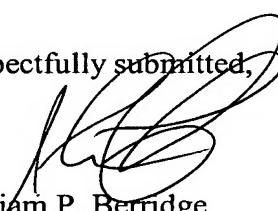
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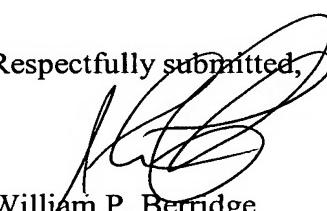
In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on November 14, 2005, the executed Declaration of the inventors was filed on March 25, 2005. A copy of the executed Declaration as filed, a copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, and a copy of the stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto. The surcharge for providing the oath or declaration was not required as it was filed prior to the 30 month date.

Entry of these documents on March 25, 2005 should have completed all of the filing formalities. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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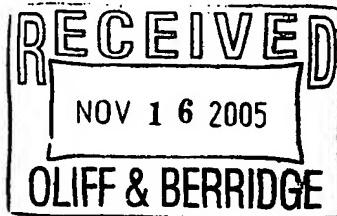


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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/25/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 03/25/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/25/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/25/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/25/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/25/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 03/25/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 03/25/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 03/25/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/25/2005
- Copy of references cited in ISR filed on 03/25/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 03/25/2005
- Assignment filed on 03/25/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 03/25/2005
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- Paper Computer Listings filed on 03/25/2005

### MISSING PARTS

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

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 By RDB on 11/16 2005  
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 By JMN on 11/16 2005  
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - Title has not been translated.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

**PTO RECEIPT FOR FILING OF PAPERS**

**The following papers have been filed:**

PCT t, ck# 165095 (\$1100); PCT Request; PRELIM; Seq. Listing (paper and electronic); 63 pp. spec/ 19 clms/abstr; 1 p. dwgs. (Fig. 1); DEC; Assign t, ck# 165096 (\$40); ASSIGN; Int. Search Report; IDS; PTO 1449 w/ 9 refs.

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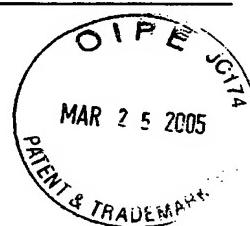
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